**Forest Land-Raigad**

**Diversion of 0.0085 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying 10” dia LPG of underground Pipeline along with OFC by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. at. Village Karade Khurd and Karade Khurd (Chavandholi) Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra**
**Revenue and Forest Department**
**Government Order No: FLD-1323/C.R.107/F-10**

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032

Date: 16.05.2023

**Reference:-**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, M.S, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal/ Thane/ID-13347(79)/3012/2022-23, dt.09.02.2023.

**Preamble:-**

M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Mumbai has submitted a proposal for Diversion of 0.0085 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying 10” dia LPG of underground Pipeline along with OFC by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. at. Village Karade Khurd and Karade Khurd (Chavandholi) Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra.

**Order:-**

In exercise of powers under general approval granted by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **'In-principle'** approval under section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the diversion of 0.0085 ha. Forest land for laying 10’’ dia LPG of underground Pipeline along with OFC by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. at. Village Karade Khurd and Karade Khurd (Chavandholi) Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land as under:-

| Sr. No. | Name of Village | Taluka & Dist. | Item of Work / purpose | Survey No. | Gut No. | Compt. No. | Length & Width | Area (in Ha) | Legal Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Karade Khurd | Panvel, Dist. Raigad | Laying 10’’ dia LPG underground Pipeline along with OFC by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. at. Village Karade Khurd and Karade Khurd (Chavandholi) Tal. Panvel,Dist. Raigad | 43 | 101 | --- | 16 x 1 | 0.0016 | Protected Forest |
| 2 | Karade Khurd (Chavan-dholi) | | | 26 | 137 | 125 | 69 x 1 | 0.0069 | Reserved Forest |
| **Total Forest Area (in ha)** | | | | | | | | **0.0085** | |

2. **This 'In-principle' approval is subject to the following conditions-**

1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.

2) **Compensatory Afforestation:-**

a) Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.00 ha. degraded Forest land in Survey No. 58/1 at Village Borivali, Tal. Khalapur, Dist. Raigad at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

b) The cost of Compensatory Afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per Compensatory Afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

3) Deputy Conservator of Forests has certified that proposed forest area is about 3.168 km. from Karnala Bird Sanctuary and 1.887 km. from the boundary of Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karnala Bird Sanctuary, therefore user agency shall comply with mitigation measures, if required and suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife).

4) The Gas Pipeline will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2 meters depth & 1.00 meter width.

5) If bank guarantee is not submitted with concern Road Authority (NHAI/ MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.

6) If the pipeline is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the pipeline in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.

7) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying Gas Pipeline in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.

8) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.

9) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.

10) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.

11) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying of Gas Pipeline.
12) The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value as per latest Guidelines of MoEF&CC.
13) Underground Gas Pipeline can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
14) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
15) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under Right of Way suitably.
16) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
17) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Competent Authorities for the project and concerned PWD / NHAI authorities.
18) The User Agency shall compensate the private holders of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
19) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
20) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
21) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
22) In case, the proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife should be obtained.
23) Final Approval shall be granted by the State Government after compliance of conditions in this order.
24) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202305181219217019. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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7. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.
8. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.
9. The Senior Manager, Pipelines Project, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Mumbai.
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